

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT SUPERVISING LAND SURVEYOR DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL SPOT: SACRAMENTO COUNTY



CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT - AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, AGE, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

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IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORKPLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE, BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE, AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

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WHO SHOULD APPLY

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications. Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as of May 24, 2007, the final filing date.

HOW TO APPLY Examination Application STD. 678 must be filed with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection by mail to P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, California 94244-2460, attention Examination Unit, or in

person at 1300 U Street, Sacramento, California.

FINAL FILING DATE

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 24, 2007. Applications postmarked after the final

filing date will not be accepted for any reason.

EXAMINATION DATESQualifications Appraisal Interview: It is anticipated that interviews will be held during **June/July 2007**.

SALARY RANGE \$7848 - \$8657

SPECIAL TESTING
ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the application. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

ELIGIBLE LISTINFORMATION

A departmental promotional eligible list will be established for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This list will be abolished 24 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by **May 24, 2007**, the final filing date.

NOTE: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

All applications/resumes must include "from" and "to" employment dates (month/day/year), time base, and applicable civil service class titles. Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.

Pursuant to Government Code 18935(b), candidates with <u>permanent</u> status at the Supervising Land Surveyor level or above, may not be eligible to apply for this examination.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "Or" II, "Or" III, etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to the examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

Possession of a valid California Land Surveyor's license. (A certificate of Registration as a Civil Engineer issued by the California Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors prior to January 1, 1982, satisfies this requirement.) (Applicants who do not possess the required license or certificate will be admitted into the examination, but must secure the license or certificate prior to appointment.)

Supervising Land Surveyor (Cont'd.)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (Cont'd.) and

Either I

Two years of experience performing duties equivalent to a Senior Land Surveyor in the California state service.

Or II

Broad and extensive (more than five years) land surveying experience, three years of which would include supervising a major program element of a large surveying operation equivalent in responsibility to the Senior Land Surveyor level in the California state service.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This is the managerial level of the series. Within the largest surveying and property inventory programs incumbents, under administrative direction, plan, organize and direct land, photogrammetry and right of way surveying projects, and provide expert advice to top management on the most critical and complex land photogrammetry, right of way surveying projects, and leasing and acquisition of real property. This level will function as the Chief Surveyor and Real Property Manager for the department.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

The examination will consist of a qualifications appraisal interview weighted 100%. The interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained in the interview. **COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE INTERVIEW WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

The examination may utilize an evaluation of each candidate's experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out their application. List all experience relevant to the "Minimum Qualifications" shown on this announcement, even if that experience goes beyond the seven-year limit printed on the application. Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the "Minimum Qualifications" carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL INTERVIEW

Scope:

(Weighted 100%)

- A. Knowledge of:
 - 1. Fundamental surveying, mathematics, and basic science as applied to surveying.
 - 2. The California Coordinate System.
 - 3. Code of safe surveying practices.
 - 4. Principles and practices of boundary determination, land title research, and surveying.
 - 5. Legal description of real property.
 - Methods and terminology used in researching for land titles and factors involved in determining ownership of property.
 - 7. Real property acquisition and mapping laws pertaining to public and private ownership of real property.
 - 8. Factors which influence the impact of departmental projects on property.
 - 9. Right of way engineering projects.
 - Planning, design, construction and right of way procedures and policies as they relate to surveys.
 - 11. The Land Surveyors' Act, Subdivision Map Act, and other statutes related to land surveying.
 - 12. State, county, and local plans, standards, policies, and procedures for planning, design, right of way and construction as they relate to surveys.
 - 13. Methods, procedures, equipment, and materials used in surveying including conventional and state-of-the-art for state facilities.
 - 14. Computers and state-of-the-art surveying and related equipment.
 - 15. Principles of effective communications and supervision.
 - 16. A supervisor's role in safety, health, and labor relations and the processes available to meet these program objectives.
 - 17. Department's Equal Opportunity Program.
 - 18. A manager's responsibility for promoting equal opportunity in hiring and employee development and promotion, and for maintaining a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment.
 - 19. All phases of surveying performed by the department, and principles and techniques of personnel management and supervision.
 - Purposes, organization, policies and procedures of the department including system planning and surveying economics.
 - Factors which influence the impact of the department's facilities on the environment, the community, and the economy.

Supervising Land Surveyor (Cont'd.)

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL INTERVIEW

(Weighted 100%) (Cont'd.)

- 22. Mathematics, procedures, processes, and methods of accomplishing plane, geodetic and photogrammetric surveying and mapping, computers and precision surveying instruments (conventional and state-of-the-art).
- 23. Principles, methods, and techniques used in the acquisition or disposition of real property and in negotiating commercial leases.
- 24. Legal procedures and documents involved in real property transactions including acquisitions, eminent domain, leasing, and sale of real property.
- 25. State Administrative Manual and government codes.
- 26. Contracting process.

B. Ability to:

- Plan and direct the work of the Lands Unit including survey parties, capital outlay, and real property staff.
- Make or communicate necessary corrections and/or revisions to construction plans, under direction of the resident engineer, when required to meet field conditions and/or comply with policies and standards.
- 3. Plan and direct the work of a staff engaged in survey and right of way engineering office work.
- 4. Plan and direct the work of a staff engaged in resolution of legal property descriptions.
- 5. Prepare and coordinate the preparation of appraisal maps, deeds, and interpretation of legal property descriptions.
- 6. Prepare clear and comprehensive reports and technical correspondence.
- 7. Review the work of others for compliance with legal requirements, policies, and specifications.
- 8. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
- 9. Effectively contribute to the departmental safety, health, and labor relations objectives.
- Effectively promote equal opportunity in employment and maintain a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment.
- 11. Evaluate computer hardware and software utilized in land surveying and real property inventory.
- 12. Plan and direct the work of staff assigned to a variety of surveying related projects in surveys and/or right of way engineering.
- 13. Administer and coordinate the department's surveying program.
- 14. Plan and direct the work of contractors and other departments.
- 15. Judge work quality and performance.
- 16. Ability to verbally communicate in a variety of forums.
- 17. Understand and apply laws, policies, rules, and regulations relating to the appraisal, acquisition, and leasing of real property for public use purposes.
- 18. Interpret and implement the State Administrative Manual and government codes for the development of the department's capital outlay five-year plan.
- 19. Initiate and provide detailed scope and manage contracts.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE CREDITS

Veterans' Preference credits are not granted in promotional examinations.

CAREER CREDITS

Career credits are not granted in promotional examinations.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 19680(c) and 19681(b) it is unlawful to copy and/or furnish confidential examination material for the purpose of either improving or injuring the chances of any person or to obtain examination questions or other examination material before, during, or after an examination. Every person violating these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor, and adverse action will be pursued. This may result in the person being barred from competition in future examinations, withheld form certification lists, or cancellation of eligibility for employment in state civil service.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Examination Unit of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, (916) 445-7824, three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

If a candidate's notice of written examination or oral interview fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the written test or interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

If you meet the requirements, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned changed. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Examination Locations: Ordinarily, qualifications appraisal interviews are scheduled in Sacramento and Riverside. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin. In the case of continuous testing examinations, names are merged onto the appropriate lists in order of final test scores (except as modified by veterans' preference credits) regardless of the date of the test and the resulting eligible lists will be used only to fill vacancies in the area shown on the bulletin.

Promotional Examinations Only: Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment. Under certain circumstances other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235 and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices or at the Information Counter of the State Personnel Board in Sacramento.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plan for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

Veterans' Preference Credits: California law allows granting of veterans' preference credits in open entrance examinations and open-nonpromotional exams. Credit in open entrance examinations is granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows and widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100% disabled veterans; and 15 points for disabled veterans. Credit in open-nonpromotional examinations is granted as follows: 5 points for veterans; and 10 points for disabled veterans. Directions for applying for veterans' preference credits are on the Veteran Preference Application (Form 1093) which is available from State Personnel Board offices, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

Career Credits: In open-nonpromotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) state employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the state who are exempt from state civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in or are graduates of the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code Section 3513. Competitors not currently employed in state civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the Examination Application form STD. 678. (Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California.)

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.